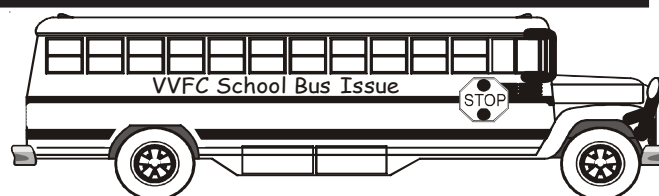


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MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

Sanofi Pasteur continues to report that the MCV4 demand is outpacing the supply. Continue to vaccinate adolescents at high school entry who have not previously received MCV4 and college freshmen living in dormitories. Administration of MCV4 to persons aged 11-12 years continues to be deferred. If possible, facilities should track patients 11-12 years old for whom MCV4 has been deferred and recall them for vaccination when supply improves. Other persons at high risk for meningococcal disease should also be vaccinated.

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OUTSTANDING VVFC COMPLIANCE

*Cartersville Family Medicine, Inc., Cartersville
Marion Pediatric Associates, P.C., Marion
Pediatric Associates, CMG, Norfolk
Pediatrics of Kempville, P.C., Virginia Beach
Princess Anne Pediatrics, Norfolk
The Children's Clinic, LTD, Newport News
Tri-City Pediatrics, Hopewell*

EXCEPTIONAL IMMUNIZATION RATES

*Appalachian Primary Care, Pennington Gap
Ashburn Village Pediatrics, Ashburn
Century Pediatrics, Inc. - Garrisonville, Stafford
Children's Medical Center, LTD, Martinsville
Mountainview Pediatrics, Marion
Pine Grove Pediatrics, Manassas
Suffolk Pediatrics, Suffolk
Vogel Pediatrics, Virginia Beach
Practice of Dr. Win, Falls Church
WVVA Health Care Alliance, Clifton Forge
(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)*



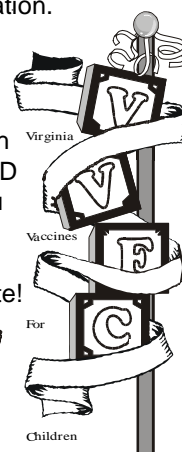
CERTIFIED THERMOMETERS

As of 10/1/2006, VVFC requires facilities to have one **CERTIFIED** thermometer per refrigerator or freezer compartment. This thermometer must be used for recording temperatures at least once a day. Please contact your consultant for more information.

EXTRA TD VACCINE?

Many providers have called asking what they should do with their TD vaccine now that they are using so much Tdap. Please continue to use up your TD vaccine as you transition to Tdap. If you have too much TD, please submit a vaccine return form and do not let the vaccine (and your tax dollars) go to waste!

PLEASE RECYCLE OLD FORMS!



INFLUENZA VACCINE 2006-07 SEASON

Earlier this year we sent out VVFC Advanced Influenza Vaccine Order Forms. If you would like to reduce your VVFC influenza vaccine order, please contact us immediately. We apologize, but we cannot accept any order increases at this time.

VVFC has placed our Influenza vaccine order for the entire season and are now awaiting arrival from the manufacturer. Because we have already ordered our supply for the season, we cannot guarantee that orders received after the deadline (April 14, 2006) will be filled. Facilities joining VVFC after the deadline need to submit their orders now! You can find the order form on our web site (www.vdh.virginia.gov/imm/vfcforms.asp).

The requests for vaccine exceed what CDC allowed VVFC to order this year. **ALL APPROVED ORDERS WILL BE DECREASED PROPORTIONALLY TO MAXIMIZE SUPPLY.**



Vaccine for the VVFC patients 36 months-18 years will be delivered in a **variety of package sizes**. This vaccine comes in 0.5mL dose vials (preservative free), one multi-dose 5mL vial (preservative containing), and 0.5mL syringes (preservative containing). Vaccine for VVFC patients 6 months-35 months will only come in 0.25mL syringes (preservative free). Facilities will not be given a choice on package size.

Vaccine shipments will begin when Influenza vaccine is received by our distributor, which is typically in early October. Facilities will receive partial shipments throughout the season, depending on when and how much of the vaccine is released by the manufacturer. The current VIS for TIV and LAIV are included in this mailing.

SECOND DOSE INDICATIONS VARICELLA AND MMRV

At the June 29, 2006, ACIP meeting, a new VFC Resolution was published recommending a second dose of varicella vaccine be administered at 4-6 years of age. For more information please see the VFC Resolution at http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vfc/acip_vfc_resolutions.htm.

MMRV should not be administered except when both MMR and varicella are indicated or if no MMR or varicella vaccine is available at the time the dose is indicated. Please continue to use up your MMR and varicella vaccines as you phase in the use of MMRV. If you feel you have an excess of MMR, please submit a return form. Varicella cannot be returned and should not go to waste. Please use your varicella vaccine supply wisely.

